

II. Remarks

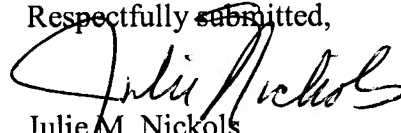
Claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16-30, 40-44, and 46 are pending. Claims 13, 14, 17, 20, 22-27, 30, and 41-43 were previously withdrawn without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 11, 15, 31-39, and 45 stand cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 4, 12, 40, and 46 are currently amended.

The Examiner indicated the allowance of claim 11 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4, the base claim of dependent claim 11, has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 11. Subsequently, claim 11 is herein cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Independent claims 40 and 46 have been amended to incorporate similar limitations and thus also are in condition for allowance. Pending claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 12-14, 16-30, and 41-44 depend now from allowable claims and therefore are also in condition for allowance. This includes claims 13, 14, 17, 20, 22-27, 30, and 41-43 which were previously withdrawn, but are now in condition for allowance as depending from allowable claims. In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition to receive a formal notice of allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests further and favorable consideration of the present application. If the Examiner believes that examination of this application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8640.

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